



Chapter 18 Voice



THE GUYS IN DRAGON'S BEARD MUST HAVE FORCED HER TO DO IT AFTER TSUKASA DIED.

RITSU WOULD NEVER CHOOSE A JOB LIKE THIS ON HER OWN.

THEY MUST HAVE HER ON DRUGS, TOO.

AND SHE'S SO APATHETIC.

I HAVE TO GET HER OUT OF HERE.

...I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.

AND NOW THEY'RE FORCING HER TO BE WITH MEN...

I COULD
TELL
ME AND
KATSURA...

NO WAY!
THIS IS MY
OWN
PROBLEM!

MAYBE I SHOULD
GO GET A
WEAPON AND
COME BACK... BUT
WHAT WEAPON?
WOULD THEY
ALLOW SOMEONE
CARRYING A
WEAPON TO
COME IN HERE?

IF THEY
CATCH
ME
TAKING
RITSU
OUT OF
HERE...

BUT...
THERE'S
BOUND TO
BE SOME
BOUNCERS
AROUND

BEN-SAN IS
A PROLIFIC
AND I CAME IN
WITH HIM, SO
THE PEOPLE
WORKING HERE
PROBABLY
AREN'T ON
THEIR GUARD

ACTUAL-
LY, THIS
IS MY
CHANCE.

IF I DO,
MORE GUYS
WILL JUST
COME IN
AND MAKE
HER...

BUT
CAN I
JUST
LEAVE
HER HERE?

I
COULD
BE
KILLED.

THIS
PARLOR'S
PROBABLY
AFFILIATED
WITH
DRAGON'S
BEARD!



THIS IS
MY ONLY
CHANCE.



I CAN'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN!!



RITSU.



YOU DON'T
WANT TO BE
HERE, DO
YOU?



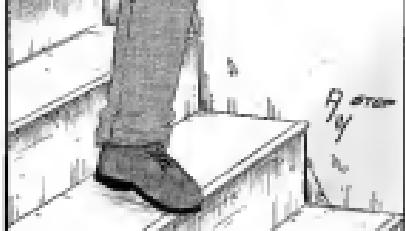
HOW
MANY
BOUNCERS
ARE
THERE?



LET'S
GET
OUT OF
HERE!

IS
THERE AN
ENTRANCE
BESIDE'S
THE FRONT
DOOR?













IF RITSU
BLAMED
ME AFTER
SEEING
TSUKASA
KILLED IN
FRONT OF
HER, I
COULD'VE
GIVEN ANY
EXCUSE.

I DIDN'T
KILL HIM,
AFTER
ALL.

IF I HAD
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT,
IT
WOULD'VE
OCCURRED
TO ME
THAT
RITSU
MIGHT
END
UP IN
DANGER,
TOO.

BACK
THEN,
WHEN
TSUKASA
WAS
KILLED, I
SHOULD'VE
TOLD
RITSU
RIGHT
AWAY.

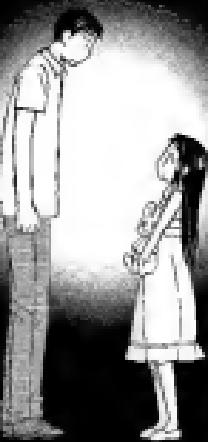
I SHOULD
HAVE
TAKEN HER
OUT OF
TOWN!
I
WAS
SUPPOSED
TO DO
THAT IF
TSUKASA
COULD'NT...

WHAT
THE
HELL
AM I
DOING?

THE
ONE AT
FAULT
IS...

NO, IT
WASN'T ME'S
FAULT. IT WAS
MINE. I JUST
WANTED TO
KEEP AT LEAST
ONE FOOT
PLANTED IN A
SAFE PLACE...

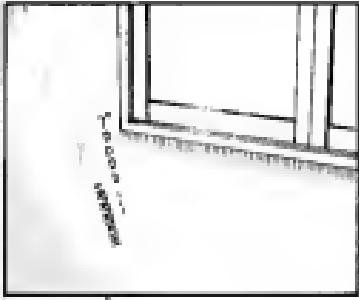
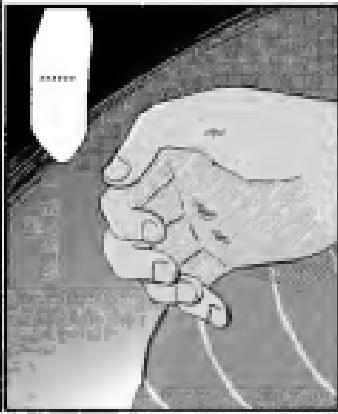
AFTER
ALL,



I'M THE
ONE WHO
PRETENDED
I COULDN'T
SEE RITSU!!!

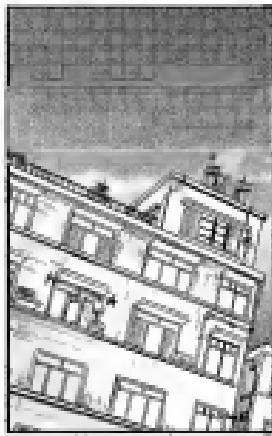
EVERY
PERSON
HARBORS
EVIL
INSIDE,
RIGHT?













IT'S TOO SMALL FOR ME NOW, SO I WONDERED HOW IT WOULD LOOK ON YOU.



THANKS, BANNA...

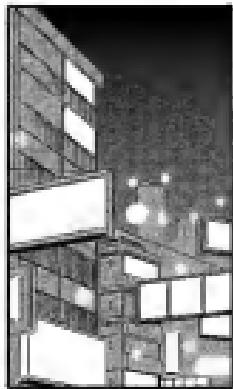


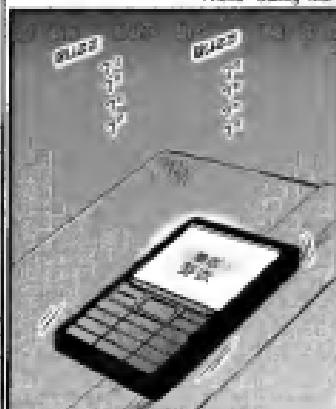


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I'M SCARED TO BE ALONE AT NIGHT... I'M SCARED...

I'M SCARED



WHAT'S WRONG?

I WOKE UP AND IT WAS DARK... AND NOBODY WAS HOME...



IF I CAN HAVE SOME MEDICINE, I'LL BE FINE...

AHH... IF...



I SORRY... I'M SORRY I LEFT YOU ALONE.

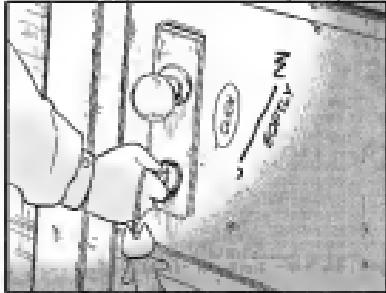


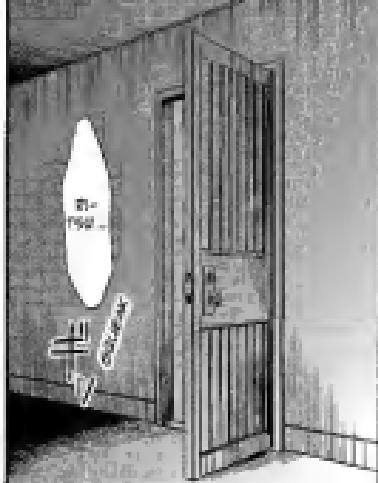
YOU'LL BE FINE. I'M HERE WITH YOU.

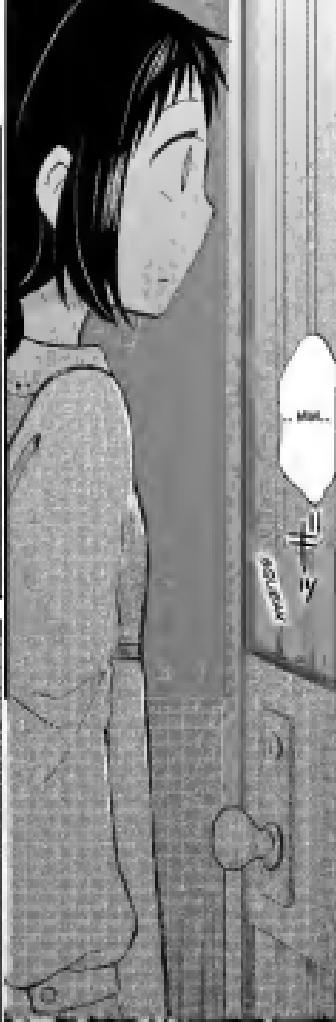
YOU MEAN NARCOTICS? I DON'T HAVE ANY, AND THAT STUFF'S BAD NEWS ANYWAY.



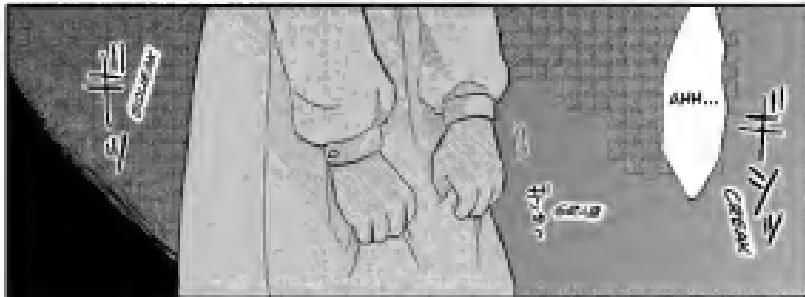




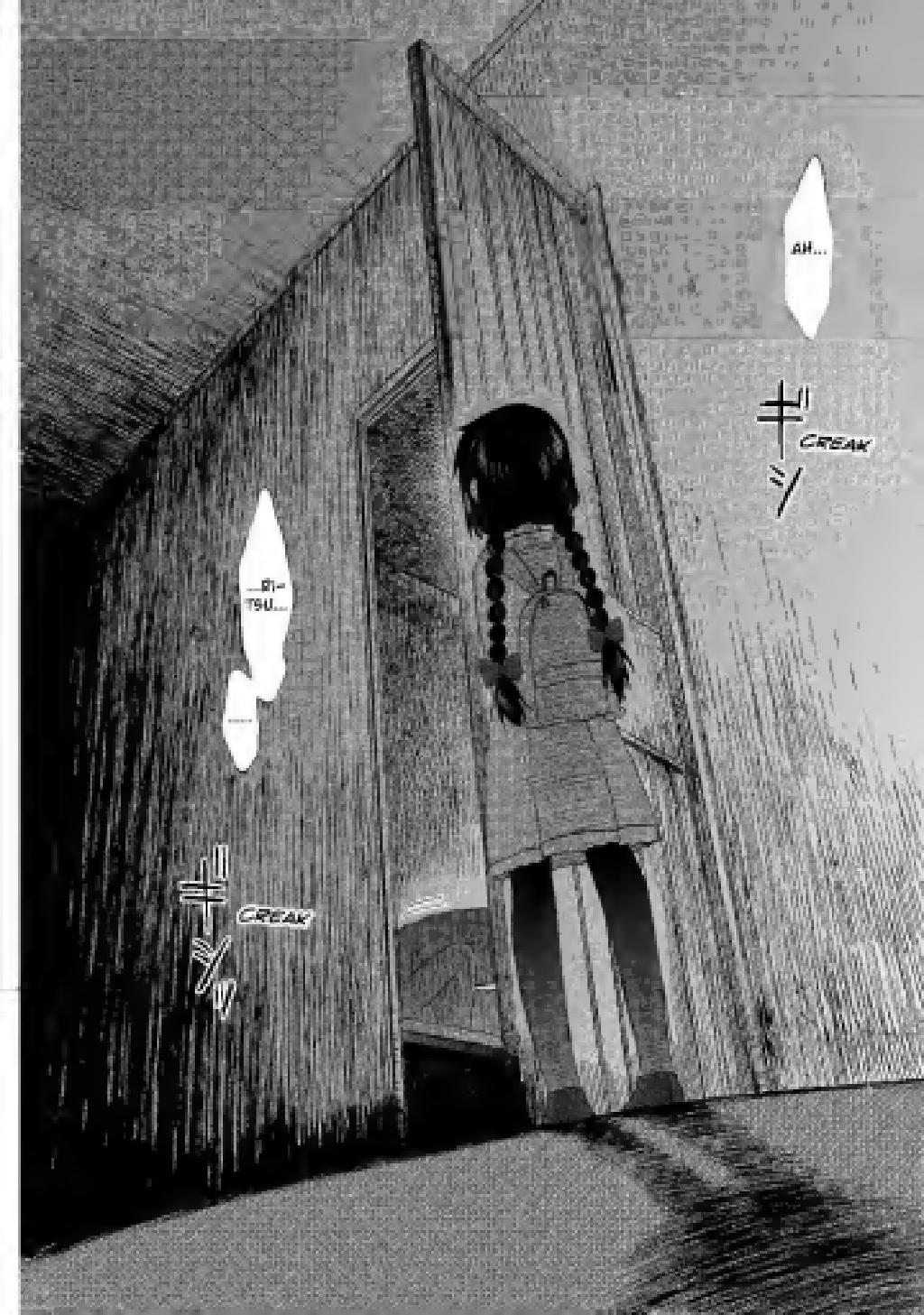




NSH...



ANH...



AH...

...TSU...

CREAK

CREAK

